

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change page 1, lines 2-3, as follows:

SELF-TAPPING SCREW TYPE FASTENER AND PUSH ROD FOR BRAKE
BOOSTER USING THE SAME

Change page 1, lines 11-18, as follows:

Conventionally, in automotive brake systems, various brake boosters have been employed in which boost pedaling force exerted on a brake pedal ~~and transmit the boosted force~~ is transmitted to a brake master cylinder in order to provide large braking force from small pedaling force. In such a brake booster, the pedaling force is boosted by power. Employed as the power are negative pressure, compressed pneumatic pressure, fluid pressure and the like.

Change page 6, line 16 to page 7, line 12, as follows:

In addition, a push rod for brake boosters of the invention is used in a brake booster which boosts pedaling force exerted on a brake pedal to output the boosted force, said push rod comprising an output rod and an adjusting rod which is screwed into and fastened to said output rod, has an external thread, and functions as a tapping screw, wherein the external thread of said adjusting rod is screwed into a smooth prepared hole of said output rod with tapping an internal thread in the inner peripheral surface of the smooth prepared hole, thereby fastening said adjusting rod to said output rod and said push rod transmits the output of said brake booster to a brake master cylinder. The push rod is characterized in that said adjusting rod has a threaded shaft having said external thread and a smooth guide shaft projecting from the end of the threaded shaft coaxially with the threaded shaft; the outer diameter of said smooth guide shaft is set to be smaller than the major diameter of said external thread and to be larger than the minor diameter of said external thread and the minor diameter of

said internal thread so as to form a step at a connecting portion between said smooth guide shaft and said threaded shaft; and the step of said smooth guide shaft is in contact with the nearest ridge of said internal thread relative to said smooth guide shaft, thereby preventing said adjusting rod from getting loose.

Change page 10, lines 4-10, as follows:

FIGS. 1(A)-2(B) ~~shows~~ show a portion A2 in Fig. 1(C) in enlarged scale, wherein Fig. 2(A) is an illustration showing a state that the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) is screwed to a predetermined tapping depth and Fig. 2(B) is an illustration showing a state that the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) is slightly turned in the reverse direction from the state shown in Fig. 2(A);

Change page 12, line 14 to page 13, line 12, as follows:

Between the smooth guide shaft 14 and the ridge of the internal thread 3 which is the nearest from the smooth guide shaft 14 (the deepest ridge of the internal thread 3), the step 20 of the smooth guide shaft 14 is engaged by slightly embedding an edge portion thereof into the crest of the flank face 17 of the nearest ridge of the internal thread 3, thereby preventing the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) 5 from getting loose. Between the internal thread 3 and the external thread 7, the crests of the internal thread 3 which are formed by squeezing the inner peripheral surface into roots between the adjacent ridges of the external thread 7 are flatly crushed by the root bottoms 9 parallel with the axis X of the roots 15 of the external thread 7 so that the crests and the root bottoms are closely appressed to each other, thus providing an interference-fit structure. Therefore, the prevention of looseness of the screwed portion, i.e. the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) 5, is achieved. At this point, since the crests of the

internal thread 3 ~~is~~ are flatly crushed by the rood bottoms 9 of the external thread 7, flat faces 19 parallel to the axis X are formed on the crests of the internal thread 3. In addition, since the flank faces 17 of the internal thread 3 formed by the tapping and the flank faces 18 of the external thread 7 are in close contact with each other, the prevention of looseness of the screwed portion, i.e. the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) 5, is achieved. In this manner, the push rod 12 has a fastener using the adjusting rod (self-tapping screw) 5.